

# Late goal robs Wycombe of a holiday point

### St. Albans City 2, Wycombe Wanderers 1

**WYCOMBE** Wanderers very nearly stole a point they did not deserve from their Bank Holiday Monday fixture at St. Albans. On the defensive for most of the match, Wycombe equalised with only six minutes remaining—and then conceded another goal to give the home side a deserved victory.

The Wanderers disappointed throughout the match. Only for a bright spell of 20 minutes in the second half did they peg St. Albans back into their own half.

Wycombe's defence was continually worried by the fast raiding home forward line well led by Bobby Childs. In defence Wycombe were hesitant in the tackle and up front only Len Worley showed any thrust, with Tony Horseman looking strangely quiet.

Because of the intense heat, playing conditions were particularly unpleasant but St. Albans moved the ball accurately in the opening stages. Only the final pass spoiled their attractive approach work.

## SAMUEL S. SHINES

Keith Samuels worked extremely hard and did not deserve to finish on the losing side, while Les Merrick looked slow and rarely managed to get a cross over at the first attempt.

Fortunately John Maskell was on form, although he was caught napping on a couple of occasions and could possibly be faulted for the winning goal.

After hammering away at the Wycombe defence for 30 minutes St. Albans went ahead as Broomfield's pass split the visiting defence wide open, and the unmarked Wood had no trouble in crashing the ball past the advancing Maskell.

Wycombe nearly pulled off a shock equaliser a minute later

when Samuels rose well to a Merrick corner and 'keeper Fowler found the ball in his hands —more by accident than design.

## NEW LEADER

For the second half Wycombe replaced Charlie Gale, who aggravated a calf injury. Centre-forward Peter Roystone dropped back into the defence and Ron Tinsley, a newcomer from the R.A.F., substituted, moving into the front line.

In the opening 20 minutes Wycombe produced their best football of the match and threatened to equalise at any moment. The team moved with better cohesion, mounting a number of dangerous attacks, and Horseman was thwarted from scoring when Fowler smothered the ball at his feet with a courageous dive.

Territorially Wycombe were on top but St. Albans were still in the picture as Butterfield hit a post from a free-kick, and the same player was again unlucky to see his rising drive clip the cross-bar a few minutes later.

## WORLEY SCORES

The Wanderers bounced back into the game with a goal in the 84th minute—a typical solo effort from Len Worley. Making ground down the right Len hit home a brilliant cross-shot from well outside the area.

This goal certainly seemed enough to gain Wycombe a point, but with four minutes left they conceded another goal. Butterfield was allowed to make ground unchallenged and moved into the box.

The Wycombe defence hesitated for a split second allowing Butterfield to slip the ball across the face of the goal and Broomfield side-footed home.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, I. Rundle, P. Eyres; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, P. Roystone, A. Horseman, L. Merrick, Sub. R. Tinsley.